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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY STATEMENT
ISSUED BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY ICHITARO IDE.
IT HAS NOT BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT ELECT CARTER BY
OTHER MEANS.

QUOTE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE REPORTED ELECTION OF MR. JIMMY CARTER AS
THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE GOVERN-
MENT OF JAPAN WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS.

THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN MR. CARTER
AS THEIR NEW LEADER MANIFESTS THEIR GREAT EXPECTATIONS OF HIS
INTEGRITY, INTELLIGENCE AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. WITH THE
ELECTION OF MR. CARTER, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL ASSUME THE
ADMINISTRATION AFTER AN EIGHT YEAR INTERVAL. HOWEVER, ON THE
WHOLE, THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS, HERETOFORE,
BEEN CONDUCTED WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT, AND JUDGING FROM THE
PLATFORM OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AS WELL AS THE STATEMENTS
MADE BY MR. CARTER DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IT IS
BELIEVED THAT AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS JAPAN WILL NOT UNDERGO
ANY DRASTIC CHANGES UNDER THE NEW PESIDENT.

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MR. CARTER, THROUGH HIS ACTIVITIES IN THE TRILATERAL
COMMISSION AND ELSEWHERE, HAS SHOWN A DEEP INTEREST AND UNDER-
STANDING TOWARDS JAPAN AND HAS EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION OF
STRENGTHENING CONSULTATIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG THE ADVANCED
DEMOCRACIES ON THE PROBLEMS FACING TODAY'S WORLD.
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HIGHLY ESTEEMS THESE BELIEFS OF
MR. CARTER AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENDEAVOR FOR FURTHER PROMOTION
OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES
AND, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE NEW
LEADERSHIP, WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A MORE PEACEFUL AND
PROSPEROUS WORLD BASED ON FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.
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